

Tours feature Clara Ford

The Henry Ford Estate, a National Historic Landmark on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will feature a dramatic role playing of Clara Ford, wife of auto pioneer Henry, at their family home in Dearborn.

Clara Ford had a huge influence on her famous husband, both at home and at work," says

Donna Werling, director of the estate.

"The first scene features a confrontation between Henry and Clara about unionization on the majestic main stairwell.

"The second scene finds Clara Ford at Christmas time after her husband's death.

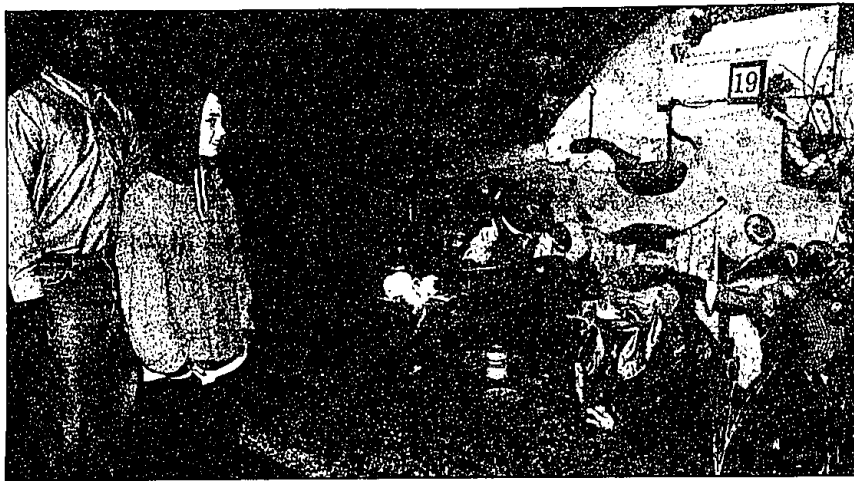
The role is performed by estate volunteer Jo Ann Cashwell, who bears a striking resemblance to the 4 foot 11 inch Clara Ford, who died in 1950.

Holiday decorations and celebrations at the estate are around the theme "A Centennial Christmas," recognizing the American Automobile Centennial as well as a reproduction of the Quadricycle, Henry Ford's first automobile, on display in the recently restored Powerhouse Garage.

The dramatic role play of Clara Ford will be featured on public tours through Dec. 31, including candlelight tours.

Guided historic tours of the estate, decorated by local florists for the Christmas season, will be featured Dec. 28 to 29. Holiday lunches are available in the Pool restaurant. Tours cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens. Kids under 5 are admitted free.

The estate is across from Fair Lane Town Center.



On display: Jim Lynch of Farmington Hills and John McIntyre of Dearborn enjoy the 21 vignettes of Hudson's "The Wind and the Willows" animated display during the preview party benefitting Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The free admission exhibit is open to the public during Hudson's Summit Place store hours through Sunday, December 31.

**THE "GOODS" ON REAL ESTATE**

by Randal Goodson

UPDATING OURSELVES

Real estate professionals are taking stock as they move through the 1990's and are wondering what the 21st Century Realtor will look like. Without having the exact answer to that question, top Realtors are committed to setting the trends that others will follow.

Conventional real estate wisdom has been that the three biggest influences on buyers are... location, location and location. Current trends show a shift towards value — for both buyers and sellers. Buyers are concerned about getting the best house for their money, while sellers want to get top dollar for their home — and want the best service from their real estate professionals.

Realtors are offering a wider range of personalized services to meet clients' needs and investing in innovations that will help them do a better job of marketing listings, such as computer programs that help price homes, keep track of buyers, develop plans of action, and help organize their business — all on a tiny laptop! The 1990's saw many agents concentrating on ways to increase the quality of their transactions, and this means that it can only get better for the real estate consumer.

For solid advice on buying or selling real estate, consult Randal Goodson, Vice-President, The Prudential Great Lakes Realty. Please call him at 810-539-3445 or visit his office at 31000 Northwestern Highway, Suite 101 in Farmington Hills.

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The untitled poem is about love.

Stenerson has been writing for two years and her favorite

themes are the spiritual and romantic.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes.

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Department of Public Safety was awarded third place. It was an honor for me to present Chuck with not only the third place trophy, but the Sportsmanship award, representing all eight years as well.

This will be Chuck's last year in our tournament as he plans to retire this coming summer. Chuck and his wife, Sharon, plan to move to Tennessee and enjoy their retirement in a little warmer climate.

Sadly, I say once again that we are losing a true competitor and a first class sportsman. We can only hope that Chuck remains active in sports while enjoying his retirement. The residents of Farmington may be losing one of its public safety commanders, but the state of Michigan is losing one shining example of true sportsmanship.

Good luck, Chuck!

(Don Fradette is tournament director and an officer of the Farmington Hills police department.)

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